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INFORMATION CIRCULAR*

To: Members of delegations and staff

From: The Assistant Secretary-General for Central Support Services

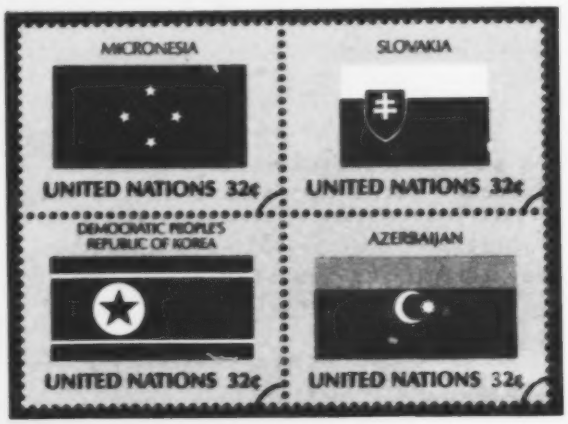
Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: 1998 FLAG SERIES STAMPS AND DEFINITIVE STAMPS

Flag Series

1. On 13 February 1998, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue the twelfth group of eight stamps in the Flag Series which was initially introduced on 26 September 1980. The sheets of 16 stamps will accommodate four different flags, each in blocks of four. There will be two new sheets for this issue. The countries are:

Sheet 43 - Micronesia (Federated States of), Slovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Azerbaijan

Sheet 44 - Uzbekistan, Monaco, Czech Republic, Estonia



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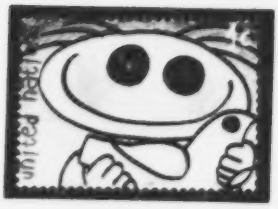
Definitive stamps

2. Also on 13 February 1998, UNPA will issue six new definitive stamps. The stamps, in denominations of 1 cent, 2 cents, 21 cents, 2,00 Swiss francs, 6.50 schillings and 9 schillings, will be issued to meet current and make-up postage rates.

(United States equivalents - Sw F 2,00: $1.41, S 6.50: US$ 0.53 and S 9: US$ 0.73 - subject to exchange rate fluctuation)



1 cent

2 cents

21 cents

Sw F 2,00

S 6.50

S 9

General information

3. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first-day covers on the UNPA official first-day cachets ONLY.

4. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first-day covers on Friday, 13 February, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

5. First-day-of-issue cancellations can be obtained at the following temporary United States Postal Service Substations:

(a) Counter outside the United Nations Bookstore in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m.;

(b) Counter along the west wall of the north end of the Secretariat North Lobby from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

6. Information on United Nations stamps can be accessed on the Internet at http://www.un.org/Depts/UNPA.